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AMENDMENT AND REPLY
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Greetings:

With an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) being hereby requested, this timely response is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114, in reply to the final Office Action mailed on November 1, 2005, wherein the Examiner:

1. Rejected Claims 1-3 and 6 under Section 103(a), as unpatentable over Akizawa, U.S. Patent No. 5,009,355, in view of Scheuten, U.S. Patent No. 5,385, 287.
2. Found Claims 4-5 and 7-12 allowable if rewritten to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response. **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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